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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Preventable Activities

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EXTENSION: 1597

NO.

DATE

17 January 1975

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

RECEIVED FORWARDER

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. <i>DJS</i> Deputy Director for Operations TE26		
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3. Inspector General 2E24	<i>Jan 17 75</i>	3
4. SDB	<i>1/24/75</i>	<i>→</i>
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I discussed this with DCI who suggested that as the overall subject had been dealt with clear policy and a clear additional issue this should be filed in memo record and file year 1975.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Inspector General
VIA : Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT : Questionable Activities

1. In 1960 the writer developed and recruited Jose Raul [redacted] (201-281382), a Cuban national and a ranking Cubana Airline pilot.

2. (Mr. [redacted]) requested an emergency meeting on 18 July 1960 to advise that he was the likely choice to pilot a chartered Cubana Airline flight from Havana, Cuba to Prague to pick up Raul Castro Ruiz and his official party. On 20 July [Mr. [redacted]] reported that the flight to Prague was scheduled for 21 July and that he would definitely pilot the aircraft. Headquarters and appropriate field stations along the flight route were advised of the flight schedule; requirements were requested.

3. On the morning of 21 July Headquarters sent a TOP SECRET RYPT OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE cable (DIRECTOR 40923 CWT 989/1, 21 July 1960) to the Havana Station advising that "possible removal of top three leaders is receiving serious consideration at Headquarters" and requested the Station at its option to contact Mr. [redacted] and determine his willingness to cooperate in arranging an accident during the return trip from Prague. The cable said that Headquarters would be willing to offer a payment after successful completion of \$10,000.00 or a reasonable amount in excess of that.

4. (Mr. James Noel) CIS Havana, instructed the writer to meet with Mr. [redacted] and make known our interests. The writer contacted Mr. [redacted] and arranged an emergency meeting which took place in Mr. [redacted] personal vehicle while driving to the airport. Mr. [redacted] said he would take a calculated risk but limited the possibilities which could pass as an accident. At one point Mr. [redacted] asked for assurance that in event of his death the U.S. Govt. would see that his two sons were given a college education. This arrangement was given orally. On returning to the Station the writer was advised that an OFDI cable (U.S. DIRECTOR 40715 CWT 99096, 21 July 1960) had been received at the Station directing the Station to disregard the earlier instructions.

5. Mr. [redacted] was debriefed by the writer after his return from Prague. He so stated that he had no opportunity to arrange an accident which would have caused a loss to his co-pilot. I do not recall telling Mr. [redacted] that the original requirement was my charge and I am involved in all the planning. In addition to the above written steps which he had received

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"Mr. [Mr.] ⁰⁴) appears from him,

6. Mr. [] defected in early December 1960. I saw him once in early 1961 in Miami, Florida where he had taken up residence. I do not know if any other Station officers were knowledgeable of this incident although it is probable that Mr. Arthur Avignon, DCOS (now retired and living in the Washington area) may have read the pertinent cables.

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Attached:

- (1) DIRECTOR 40923, 21 July 1960 ~~TOP SECRET~~
- (2) DIRECTOR 40965, 21 July 1960 ~~TOP SECRET~~
- (3) HAVA 5396 (IN 28071), 22 July 1960 ~~SECRET~~

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